

"COME, FOLLOW ME,"

JESUS SAID.

"AND I WILL MAKE

YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

MATTHEW 4:19___St.

Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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<u>PRAYER</u>: Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son sacrificed for me and my sin upon the cross. I know and confess my sin. I am unworthy of your forgiveness and salvation, but I come to you pleading the merits of Your Son. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain strength to live according to Your holy will, defeating temptation in my daily life, and glorifying Your name before the world in all my words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p.15

HYMNS: 360; 777; 770; 313:3

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 71:15-18,12 NKJV)

⁵ My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness

And Your salvation all the day, For I do not know their limits.

¹⁶ I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD;

I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.

¹⁷O God, You have taught me from my youth;

And to this day I declare Your wondrous works.

 18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me,

Until I declare Your strength to *this* generation, Your power to everyone *who* is to come.

¹²O God, do not be far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me! Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah saw the glory of the Lord in a vision, and even in a vision it was so overpowering that he cried out "Woe is me!" Woe because standing before the holy, holy, holy God Isaiah was extremely conscious of his sin. And yet the Lord does not reveal His glory to consume us in our sin. Isaiah was purged of his sin and His iniquity was taken away! It was the glory of this gospel that prepared Isaiah to say "Here am I! Send me!

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 14:12-20

We should desire gifts for the edification, or building up of the Church. The Lord grants us gifts of the Spirit that we might use them to impart the knowledge of the grace and glory of God to those who need salvation.

THE SERMON: Luke 5:1-11

Theme: Jesus' Divine Majesty Brings Blessings to the Lives of His Disciples.

I. Blessings Conveyed to Us through Jesus' Word

II. Blessings for True Spiritual Living

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council follow the service.

MONDAY: Pastor Study Club in Mankato beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pastor should arrive home about 5:00. (This meeting was postponed until the 11th due to weather/road conditions.)

WEDNESDAY: Catechism at 4:15 p.m.

<u>SATURDAY</u>: Pastor Barthels will be leaving town for about 10 days. In His absence Pastor em. Paul Fleischer will be covering any emergencies. He may be reached at (651) 309-7403.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship at 9:30. Sunday school is scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: **Luke 5:1-11**. (No Bible class due to Pastor's absence.)

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 24</u>: Pastor emeritus Paul Fleischer has agreed to serve in Pastor's absence.

March 6th: Ash Wednesday. Midweek Lenten meditations begins.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Kwentin Stearns, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: February 3 - 22; Sunday school - 6 No Bible class

Weekly Offerings	\$	Memorial:
Needed	1,252.00	
Offerings Received	\$823.00	Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:		Prop. Imprv. Fund
Received for Year:	\$4,536.00	\$50.00

SPECIAL OFFERING: Recently, the Lord in His mercy called our brother in faith, Pastor Kevin McKenney, home to glory at the age of 55. His family is facing major financial challenges due to funeral costs, his prolonged illness of 16 years with MS, as well as ongoing expenses. President Eichstadt has authorized a synod-wide offering to help the family. At our St. Paul's annual voters' meeting it was decided that we would leave a basket in the narthex for the McKenny family during the month of February The Apostle Paul teaches us that we are the body of Christ, and reminds us "if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it." (1 Cor. 12: 26) We should not only feel their pain, but do what we can to help with relief. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Gal. 6:10)